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Northwest Territories Population – October 2016

On October 1, 2016 Statistics Canada estimated that 44,204 people were living in the Northwest Territories, a decrease of 0.4% from the previous year. All other provinces and territories experienced positive growth between October 1, 2015 and October 1, 2016. At the national level, Canada's population increased by 1.3% between October 1, 2015 and October 1, 2016. Growth exceeded the national level in Manitoba (1.7%), Alberta (1.6%), Saskatchewan (1.6%), Prince Edward Island (1.6%) and Ontario (1.5%).

Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory October 1, 2013 to October 1, 2016

	2016 Oct 1	% Change	2015 Oct 1	% Change	2014 Oct 1	% Change	2013 Oct 1	% Change
Canada	36,443,632	1.3	35,981,735	0.9	35,677,466	1.1	35,293,347	1.2
Northwest Territories	44,204	-0.4	44,392	0.8	44,061	0.8	43,707	0.2
Nunavut	37,146	1.3	36,658	1.3	36,178	1.6	35,607	2.1
Yukon	37,624	1.1	37,229	0.6	37,006	2.2	36,225	0.0
British Columbia	4,773,345	1.3	4,713,761	0.9	4,670,870	1.3	4,612,657	1.0
Alberta	4,268,929	1.6	4,201,458	1.6	4,133,626	2.6	4,029,102	3.1
Saskatchewan	1,155,393	1.6	1,137,386	1.1	1,125,074	1.4	1,109,701	1.6
Manitoba	1,323,958	1.7	1,301,357	1.2	1,285,790	1.3	1,269,579	1.2
Ontario	14,063,256	1.5	13,854,221	0.9	13,735,317	0.9	13,609,460	1.1
Quebec	8,349,793	0.9	8,279,216	0.5	8,235,228	0.7	8,174,338	0.8
New Brunswick	757,997	0.5	754,465	-0.1	755,308	0.0	755,633	-0.2
Nova Scotia	952,333	0.8	945,215	0.12	944,052	0.05	943,574	-0.1
Prince Edward Island	149,278	1.6	146,994	0.5	146,226	0.6	145,294	0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	530,376	0.2	529,383	0.1	528,730	0.0	528,470	0.2

Between October 1, 2015 and October 1, 2016, the population in the Northwest Territories decreased by 188 persons. The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 687 births and 234 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 453 persons. Inter-provincial migration accounted for 2,112 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,962 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 850 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 209 persons.

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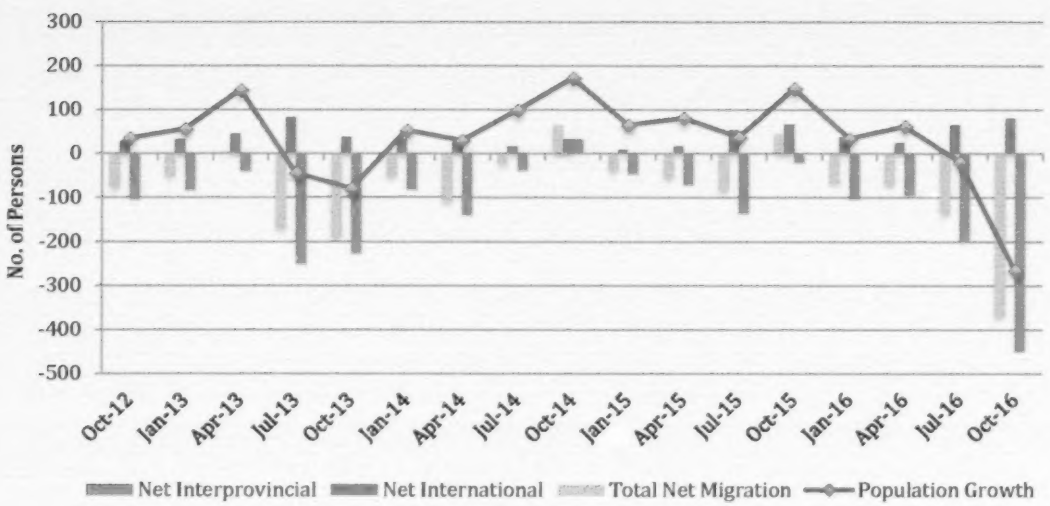
During the third quarter of 2016, the NWT population fell by 265 persons. The population decrease was a result of a loss of 369 persons through migration, the greatest decrease the territory has experienced in the past 10 years, and a gain of 104 persons through natural increase. Net international migration was the highest since July 1, 2013.

In the NWT, population growth fluctuates based on migration patterns; historically, net inter-provincial migration has been mostly negative, offset by natural increase and positive net international migration (Figure 1).

Figure 1 NWT Quarterly Population Estimates, October 1, 2012 to October 1, 2016



The detailed components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2009 are presented in Table 2.

For more information about these estimates or for community level population estimates and projections, please visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at http://www.statsnwt.ca or call (867) 767-9169.

Table 2 Components of Population Change, by Time Period
Northwest Territories – January 1, 2009 to October 1, 2016

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	---- Interprovincial Migration ---- In	Out	Net	Net International	Error of Closure
2016	Jul-Sep	44,469	44,204	172	68	432	882	-450	81	-
	Apr-Jun	44,488	44,469	170	53	693	894	-201	65	-
	Jan-Mar	44,426	44,488	186	54	643	738	-95	25	-
2015	Jan-Dec	44,126	44,426	685	227	2,146	2,479	-333	175	-
	Oct-Dec	44,392	44,426	159	59	344	448	-104	38	-
	Jul-Sep	44,244	44,392	170	67	643	664	-21	66	-
	Apr-Jun	44,207	44,244	170	50	594	731	-137	54	-
	Jan-Mar	44,126	44,207	186	51	565	636	-71	17	-
2014	Jan-Dec	43,760	44,126	687	217	2,259	2,452	-193	89	-
	Oct-Dec	44,061	44,126	160	57	295	342	-47	9	-
	Jul-Sep	43,889	44,061	171	64	463	431	32	33	-
	Apr-Jun	43,790	43,889	170	49	835	873	-38	16	-
	Jan-Mar	43,760	43,790	186	47	666	806	-140	31	-
2013	Jan-Dec	43,685	43,760	689	209	1,871	2,474	-603	198	-
	Oct-Dec	43,707	43,760	159	55	286	369	-83	32	-
	Jul-Sep	43,786	43,707	172	62	312	539	-227	38	-
	Apr-Jun	43,830	43,786	172	47	613	865	-252	83	-
	Jan-Mar	43,685	43,830	186	45	660	701	-41	45	-
2012	Jan-Dec	43,597	43,685	688	200	1,864	2,394	-530	130	-
2011	Jan-Dec	43,258	43,597	690	188	2,169	2,274	-105	-10	48
2010	Jan-Dec	42,962	43,258	700	184	1,890	2,060	-170	85	135
2009	Jan-Dec	43,109	42,962	711	186	1,661	2,214	-553	16	135

Note: *Net International* represents the net total of all Immigrants, Emigrants, Returning Canadians, Non-Permanent Residents and Individuals Temporarily Abroad.
Error of Closure represents the difference in population change as measured by the individual components of growth and that observed using 2011 and 2006 census-based population estimates.

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.